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INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: GATT ETRD AS

SUBJECT: GATT ART. XIX CONSULTATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA ON STEEL SHEET  
AND PLATE

REF: GENEVA 5239

1. IN RESPONSE US REQUEST DELAY BEGINNING OF 90-DAY PERIOD  
IN ART. XIX:3(A) FOR SIX MONTHS, AUSTRALIA MISSION (TEESE)  
SAYS CANBERRA HAS NO DIFFICULTY IN PRINCIPLE BUT PREFERS  
ACHIEVE SAME END BY EXTENDING IN SGEMENTS OF 90 DAYS. THIS  
VIEW SUPPOSEDLY TAKEN SIMPLY BECAUSE ART. XIX IS EXPRESSED  
IN TERMS 90 DAYS. WE NOTE US HAS IN PAST REACHED AGREEMENT  
WITH OTHER TO EXTEND BEGINNING OF 90-DAY PERIOD FOR  
MANY MONTHS. TEESE SAID HE UNABLE EXPLAIN WHY CANBERRA  
TAKING THIS VIEW BUT THEY ASSURED HIM BY TELEPHONE THAT  
FURTHER EXTENSIONS WOULD POSE NO PROBLEM.

2. WE THEREFORE TAKING NECESSARY STEPS EXTEND BEGINNING OF  
90-DAY PERIOD FOR ANOTHER 90 DAYS, TO RUN AS FROM JUNE 13.  
(ORIGINAL 90-DAY PERIOD IN ART. XIX THEORETICALLY EXPIRED  
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ON THAT DATE.) EMBASSY CANBERRA MAY WISH SEEK EXPLANATION

FROM APPROPRIATE AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES WHY SIX-MONTH  
SXTENSION COULD NOT BE AGREED IF AUSTRALIA HAS NO  
DIFFICULTY WITH IT IN PRINCIPLE.

3. ON RELATED SUBJECT, TEESE ASKED HOW US PLANNED  
GUAGE "SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT CONCESSIONS" FOR EIETHER  
COMPENSATION OR WITHDRAWAL PURPOSES WHEN AUSTRALIAN QRS  
HAS BEEN APPLIED TO UNBOUND ITEMS. WE SAID WE WOULD  
PUT THE QUESTION TO WASHINGTON AND REPEATED THAT US  
PLACES GREATER EMPHASIS ON REMOVAL OF AUSTRALIAN QRS  
THAN ON RUSHING INTO COMPENSATION OR WITHDRAWAL  
CONSIDERATIONS AT THIS STAGE. (COMMENT: LINDEN OF GATT  
SECRETARIAT HAS NO RECORD OF COMPENSATION PAID OR  
WITHDRAWALS MADE AGAINST QRS APPLIED ON UNBOUND ITEMS.  
ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO PRECEDENT, WE SEE NO REASON WHY US  
COULD NOT SIMPLY USE EQUIVALENT TRADE COVERAGE FOR AN  
EQUIVALENT PERIOD AS THE CRITERIA. THIS WOULD LEAVE  
ONLY DEPTH OF TARIFF CUT AS THE VARIABLE IF TARIFF  
ACTION WERE CHOSEN ROUTE.) DALE

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